

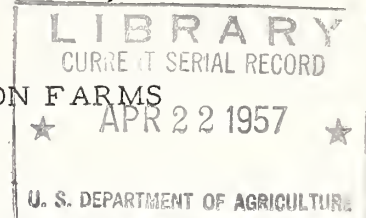
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TURKEY BREEDER HENS

January 1, 1957

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MORE TURKEY BREEDER HENS ON FARMS
THAN A YEAR AGO

Heavy breed turkey breeder hens on farms January 1, 1957, were estimated at 3,170,000 birds, compared with 2,775,000 a year earlier -- an increase of 14 percent. Light breeds were estimated at 447,000 birds, compared with 456,000 January 1, 1956 -- a decrease of 2 percent, the Crop Reporting Board announced. Testings for pullorum disease during the July through December period of 1956 were up 24 percent for heavy breeds and up 4 percent for light breeds from the same period a year earlier. Heavy white breeds, which were 19 percent of all heavy turkeys tested July through December were up 8 percent. Growers as of January 1 indicated they intended to produce 10 percent more turkeys in 1957 than last year. They intend to raise 13 percent more heavy breeds and 3 percent fewer light breeds.

Numbers of heavy breed hens on January 1 this year were above last year in all regions of the country. Increases from a year earlier were 20 percent in the South Atlantic, 17 percent in the West North Central, 16 percent in the West, 15 percent in the South Central, 4 percent in the East North Central and 1 percent in the North Atlantic States. The eight leading States with 69 percent of the heavy breeders in the country, ranking in the order named, are California, Minnesota, Texas, Oregon, Missouri, Ohio, Iowa and Virginia. These eight States had 19 percent more heavy breeders than a year earlier.

Light breed hens on farms were down from last year in all regions of the country, except in the important South Atlantic region where they were up 14 percent. Decreases were 20 percent in the East North Central, 16 percent in the North Atlantic, 11 percent in the West North Central, 5 percent in the South Central and 2 percent in the West.

The eight leading States with 76 percent of the light breeder hens in the country are Virginia, California, Texas, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, Arkansas and West Virginia. These States had 1 percent more light breed hens on January 1 than a year earlier.

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TURKEYS: BREEDER HENS ON FARMS JANUARY 1

State and Division	Heavy breeds			Light breeds		
	1956	1957	1957 as % of 1956	1956	1957	1957 as % of 1956
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Maine	9	11	122	3	2	67
N.H.	10	9	90	1	1	100
Vt.	6	6	100	--	--	---
Mass.	31	29	94	1	1	100
R.I.	2	2	100	--	--	---
Conn.	11	10	91	1	1	100
N.Y.	41	41	100	1	1	100
N.J.	7	9	129	3	2	67
Pa.	54	55	102	9	8	90
N. Atl.	171	172	101	19	16	84
Ohio	116	123	106	40	36	90
Ind.	21	20	95	3	1	33
Ill.	30	27	90	3	2	67
Mich.	63	60	95	3	2	67
Wis.	56	67	120	6	3	50
E.N.Cent.	286	297	104	55	44	80
Minn.	263	320	122	35	32	91
Iowa	96	121	126	4	4	100
Mo.	144	155	108	38	32	85
N.Dak.	20	21	105	2	1	50
S.Dak.	10	10	100	1	1	100
Nebr.	25	34	136	1	1	100
Kans.	36	34	94	2	3	150
W.N.Cent.	594	695	117	83	74	89
Del.	3	3	100	1	1	100
Md.	18	17	94	6	8	133
Va.	62	111	179	98	113	115
W.Va.	13	13	100	24	24	100
N.C.	38	40	105	3	2	67
S.C.	63	57	90	4	3	75
Ga.	31	34	110	--	--	---
Fla.	13	15	115	5	10	200
S. Atl.	241	290	120	141	161	114
Ky.	44	51	116	1	1	100
Tenn.	22	18	82	2	2	100
Ala.	22	19	86	10	7	70
Miss.	32	32	100	4	4	100
Ark.	25	39	156	31	28	90
La.	22	23	105	3	3	100
Okla.	45	55	122	7	5	71
Texas	260	304	117	35	38	110
S. Cent.	472	541	115	93	88	95
Mont.	3	3	100	--	--	---
Idaho	3	4	133	1	1	100
Wyo.	3	2	67	--	--	---
Colo.	8	10	125	--	--	---
N.Mex.	4	4	100	--	--	---
Ariz.	5	5	100	--	--	---
Utah	24	30	125	6	2	33
Nev.	--	--	---	--	--	---
Wash.	72	77	107	6	5	83
Oreg.	214	236	110	17	18	106
Calif.	675	804	119	35	38	109
West.	1,011	1,175	116	65	64	98
U.S.	2,775	3,170	114	456	447	98